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### SAVE SAN FRANCISCO BAY

San Francisco Bay is threatened with piecemeal destruction by industrial development. The Berkeley City Council is studying the Planning Commission's waterfront plan to fill in approximately 2,000 acres of tideland with a minimum of 800 acres designated for industry. This will more than double the area presently zoned for industry.

In order to protect our world-renowned bay from any measures that would result in ruinous activity, a group of Bay Area citizens have organized the Save San Francisco Bay Association and elected Jan Konecney as chairman. Ansel Adams, David R. Brower, Mr. & Mrs. Newton Drury, Mrs. Morse Erskine, Francis Filice, Harold Gilliam, Mrs. Clark Kerr, Joseph R. Knowland, Mrs. Norman Livermore, Robert C. Miller, Fl. Adm. & Mrs. Chester Nimitz comprise the regional committee.

Audubon members are invited to join the new association which is interested in long term planning for San Francisco Bay in order to include wildlife areas, parks, fishing, boating and open beaches. Please, rush your membership dollar to the *Save San Francisco Bay Association, P. O. Box 925, Berkeley 1, California*. Immediate, concerted action is all that can save the bay!

### SENATE VOTE ON OIL POLLUTION—MAJOR ADVANCE

Carl W. Buchheister, president of the National Audubon Society, calls the U. S. ratification of the International Convention for the control of oil pollution of the seas "heartening news to conservationists throughout the world". Before U. S. participation becomes effective, however, Congress must pass implementing legislation, spelling out the prohibitions and procedures for American ships and providing penalties.

The oil pollution convention was drafted at an international conference

in 1954. Since then, Canada, Mexico and most European nations have signed. The United States remained one of the major hold-outs until the recent Senate action.

The convention sets up zones 50 to 100 miles wide in offshore waters in which the dumping of oil or oily wastes is prohibited. Each treaty nation agrees to prosecute ship owners or operators of its own registry if caught violating the conservation zones anywhere in the world.

Fish, shellfish, birds and other marine resources are most vulnerable in the coastal areas. At hearings held by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, the National Audubon Society estimated the annual kill of waterfowl and seabirds by oil slicks off North American shores at millions of birds.

**FIELD OBSERVATIONS**—A pair of Hooded Orioles and a pair of Black-headed Grosbeaks are each raising a family in the vicinity of East 14th Street and 170th Avenue, Hayward. The male oriole was especially busy feeding his fledglings, alternating between a yellow-fruited cumquat bush and a Royal Ann cherry tree.—Observed by Doris Smith and Leona Hodon, June 5th. In Berkeley two Hooded Orioles were observed in the palm trees on Bonita Avenue near Berkeley Way by Paul De Benedictis on June 13.

### IN APPRECIATION

Members of the Golden Gate Audubon Society wish to thank Mrs. Roberta Long, retiring president, for her longer than usual term of service—two and one-half years—and for the excellence of administration which frequently took her beyond the call of duty. In addition, Mrs. Long has graciously accepted the office of membership chairman for the coming year. Thank you, Roberta!

The Society, also, wishes to extend special thanks to Miss Alice Leet who has served as distribution chairman for the past six years, and to her friends who assisted her.

### IN MEMORIAM

In memory of  
Mrs. Ione Theriault

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Mr. Frank W. Sullivan

*Dr. Albert Boles, Sanctuary & Memorial Fund Chairman*

### NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following members to the Golden Gate Audubon Society: from Berkeley, Mrs. A. M. Erskine, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Gates, Mrs. William J. Ulp; from Hayward, Mr. Arthur C. Smith; from Lafayette, Mrs. A. C. Helmholtz, Mr. Lee H. Searight; from Oakland, Mrs. Guido E.

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—AGNES OCZKEWECZ, *Membership Chairman*

### JULY MEETING

The 520th meeting of the Golden Gate Audubon Society will be held on July 13, 1961, after a six o'clock picnic supper, at Fireplace No. 2, Live Oak Park in Berkeley, near Shattuck and Berryman. Take F bus. Fireplace No. 2 is across Walnut Street from the Park buildings. Come and bring your picnic supper and your friends.

There will be no regular meeting in August. Happy vacation to everyone!

—MABEL EARLE, *Program Chairman*

### FIELD TRIPS FOR JULY

Saturday and Sunday, July 8 & 9, to Wright's Lake near Echo Summit. By popular request this beautiful place has again been selected for a field trip. The last time visited by the Society was July 1957. Here the meadows are carpeted with flowers, snow fed streams are rushing and mountain peaks challenge those interested in a brisk hike. Golden Eagle, Rufous and Calliope Hummingbirds, Williamson's Sapsucker, Mountain Bluebirds, Mountain Chickadee and many others may be seen. Chipmunks, Goldenmantled Squirrel, Pine Martin, Marmot and Cony inhabit this area. Some of the wild flowers blooming at this time are Columbine, Larkspur, Pride-of-the-Mountain, Mariposa Tulip, Star Tulip, Aster, Labrador Tea, Cluster Penstemon, Spires, Shooting Star and Red Heather.

Take Highway 50 from Sacramento through Placerville to 5 miles beyond Kyburz. There a graded road leads off to the left (north) for seven and one-half miles to Wright's Lake and a Forest Service campground. Resort accommodations are available along Highway 50. Check with your travel bureau or auto club. Campers should be prepared for cold nights. The group will be divided among several leaders to study the various habitats.

On Tuesday, July 18, to Cliff House. Nesting Pigeon Guillemots, Cormorants, and gulls and more common sea birds may be seen. Sutro Park and, if time permits, Lincoln Park will be included in the trip. Meet at Point Lobos Avenue and 48th Avenue at 9:30 a. m. Number 2 municipal bus stops at this spot. Leader, Florence Plymell, PR 6-1208.

On Saturday, July 29, to Golden Gate Park and Cliff House area. Nesting Pigeon Guillemots, cormorants and gulls should be visible from some of the vantage points in the vicinity of the Cliff House. Views of migrating Shearwaters are possible. A visit to Golden Gate Park will top off the trip where young ducks and coots are usually present at this time. Meet at 9 a. m., at entrance to Sutro Heights Park, Point Lobos and 48th Avenues. Leader, Roberta J. Long, LO 4-7767.

—HAROLD G. PETERSON, *Field Trips Chairman*

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